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Jocelyn Boyd Chief Clerk Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

> Re: Notification of Indirect Transfer of Control Through Ultimate Parent-Level Transaction – Securus Technologies, Inc. (f/k/a Evercom Systems, Inc.), T-NETIX, Inc. and T-NETIX Telecommunications Services, Inc.

Dear Chief Clerk Boyd:

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Commission of the indirect transfer of control of Securus Technologies, Inc. (f/k/a Evercom Systems, Inc.) ("STI"), T-NETIX, Inc. ("TNI") and T-NETIX Telecommunications Services, Inc. ("TN Telecom")¹ as a result of the acquisition of control of their current ultimate corporate parent, Securus Holdings, Inc. ("SHI"), by Connect Acquisition Corp. ("Connect") through a parent-level merger transaction.

This transaction was totally transparent to the customers of the Securus Entities and did not involve the sale, assignment, lease or transfer of the Securus Entities' authorizations, any of their assets or customer bases to any other entity. The Securus Entities did not merge or combine with any other entity. Each of the Securus Entities remains a separate entity authorized by the Commission to provide the services that it is has been providing, and it continues to provide those services under its current name. Each Entity's intercorporate relationships with its immediate parent and SHI did not change (i.e., there was no change in the direct stock ownership of the Securus Entities).

1. Background

Each of the Securus Entities is a corporation with its principal place of business at 14651 Dallas Parkway, 6th Floor, Dallas, Texas 75254.² Each is a privately held and

¹ Evercom Systems, Inc. notified the Commission of its name change on October 1, 2010. STI, TNI and TN Telecom may be collectively referred to in this notice as the Securus Entities.

² STI and TNI are Delaware corporations. TN Telecom is a Texas corporation.

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indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of SHI, which is a Delaware corporation. Each Entity is authorized by the Commission to provide inmate telephone services in the State of South Carolina.³

Pursuant to those authorizations, the Securus Entities currently provide telecommunications services to a number of confinement and correctional facilities in the State of South Carolina. The terms and conditions of these services have not changed as a result of this parent-level transaction. The current management of the Securus Entities also did not change.

- 2. <u>Prior Ownership Structure</u> Prior to the transaction the ultimate controlling entity of the Securus Entities was H.I.G.-T-NETIX, Inc. ("HIG"), through a series of intervening Delaware holding companies that were not involved in the provision of telecommunications services. An outline of that structure is reflected on Attachment A.
- 3. Description of Indirect Transfer of Control Transaction Under the terms of an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated April 8, 2011, a newly-formed subsidiary of Connect, Connect Merger Corp., merged into and with SHI, with SHI remaining as the surviving corporation. As a result, the Securus Entities are now indirect, wholly-owned subsidiaries of Connect. Connect is a controlled affiliate of Castle Harlan Partners V, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Castle Partners"), which is managed by Castle Harlan, Inc. ("Castle Harlan"), a New York-based investment firm. Castle Harlan, founded in 1987, invests in controlling interests in the buyout and development of middle-market companies principally in North America. Its team of 18 investment professionals has completed over 50 acquisitions since its inception with a total value of approximately \$10 billion. Castle Harlan currently manages investment funds with equity commitments of approximately \$3.5 billion. Castle Harlan and its affiliates are not providers of telecommunications services. The revised ownership structure as a result of the transaction is shown at Attachment B

As noted above, this transaction was non-controversial and was transparent and seamless to all customers of the Securus Entities. There are no changes in the rates, terms or conditions of each Entity's services as part or as a result of this transaction. In addition, the management and relevant contact information for each Entity remains the same as the Commission's records currently reflect.

This transaction will strengthen the Securus Entities financially by bringing new financially sound stakeholders into the ownership chain. Completion of the transaction

³ The Commission authorized STI (then known as Talton InVision, Inc.) to provide inmate pay telephone and related services in Docket No. 97-444-C. The Commission authorized TNI (then known as Tele-Matic Corporation) to provide such services in Docket No. 85-150-C. The Commission authorized TN Telecom (then known as Gateway Technologies, Inc.) to provide intrastate resold inmate telecommunications services in Docket No. 94-106-C.



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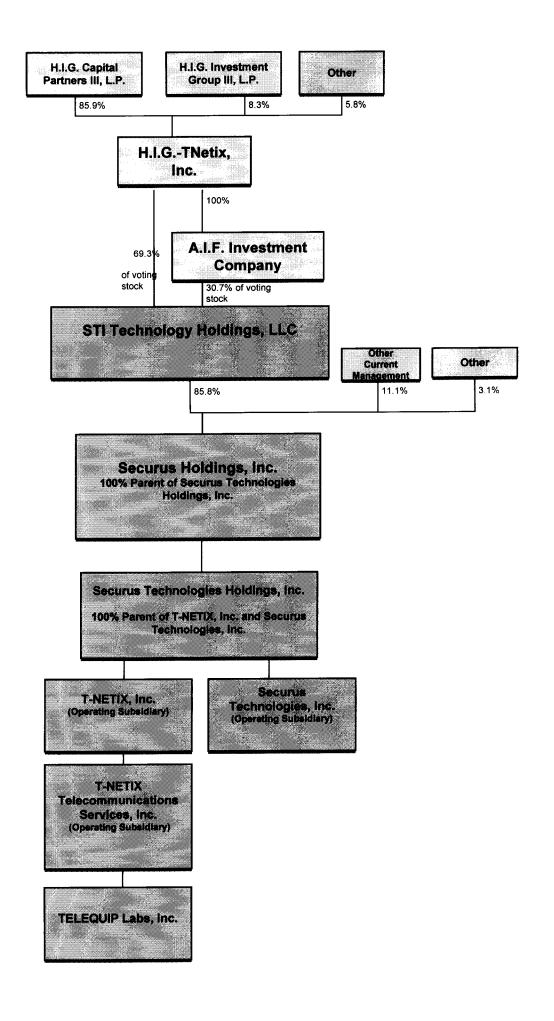
Please date-stamp the enclosed copy of this letter and return it in the self-addressed stamped envelope to indicate your receipt. Please contact me with any questions you may have concerning this transaction.

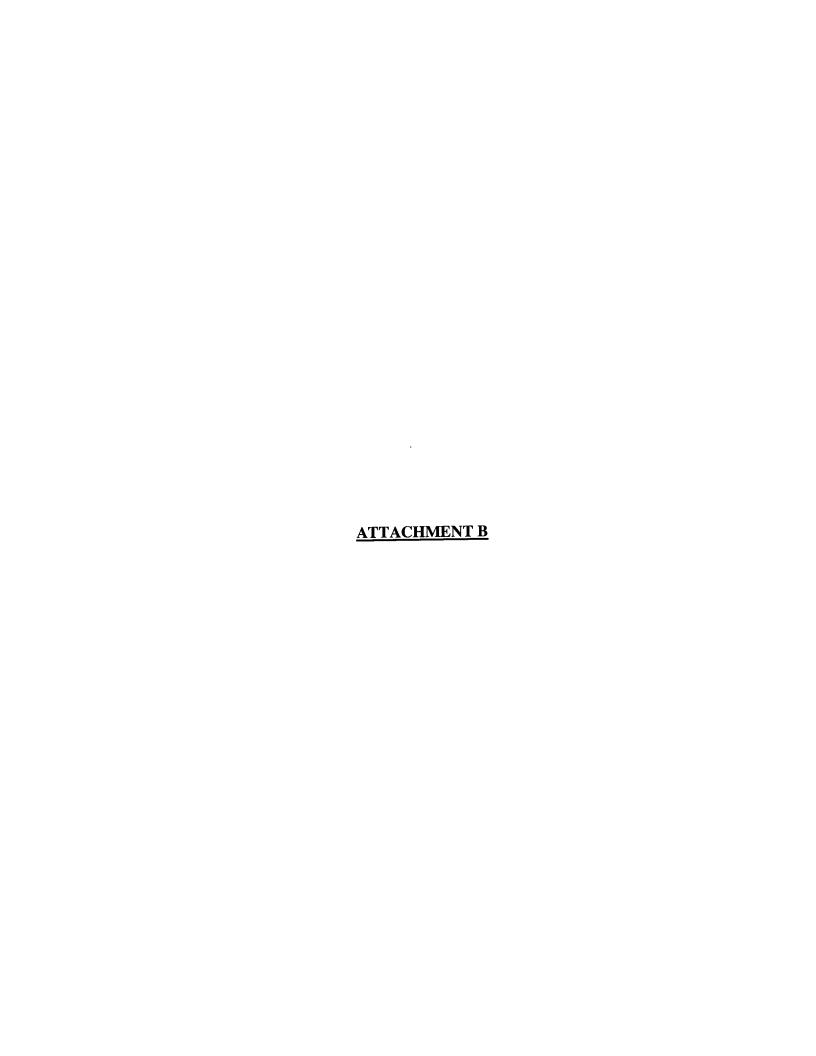
Respectfully submitted,

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cc: John M Beahn (counsel for Connect)







Final Structure

